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Our Docket # F-441

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Application Number	09/883,380
Filing Date	12/19/2001
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Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Lyle Alexander
Attorney Docket Number	F-441

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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 Serial No.: 09/683,380 ) Group Art Unit: 1743  
 Filed: December 19, 2001 )  
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING BIOLOGICAL AND  
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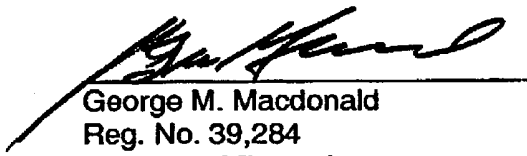
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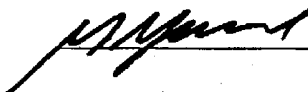
  
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